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ACTIVITY, ROUTE 912  
BAN SAN, LAOS  
1715N 10609E

**1. SIGNIFICANCE:**

THIS BRIEFING BOARD REVEALS ACTIVITY ON AND NEAR ROUTE 912 JUST SOUTHWEST OF THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER.

**2. LOCATION:**

BAN SAN IS LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 2.5 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AND 2 NM NORTH OF THE NAM TA LE (STREAM).

**3. MISSION READOUT:** REVEALS THE FOLLOWING:

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A. A PROBABLE LOGGING OPERATION FOR ROAD CORDUROY MATERIAL IS OBSERVED ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE OF ROUTE 912. AN ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTHEAST FROM ROUTE 912 AT 1715N 10609E (UTM XE234077), THROUGH THE VILLAGE OF BAN SAN TO ITS VISIBLE TERMINUS IN A HEAVY TREE CANOPY AT 1714N 10610E (UTM XE244061). EXTENSIVE GROUND SCARRING IS VISIBLE UNDER THE TREE CANOPY ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ACCESS ROAD.

B. PROBABLE TRUCK PARKS ARE LOCATED ON BOTH SIDES OF ROUTE 912, 2.8 NM SOUTHWEST OF THE LAOS/NORTH VIETNAM BORDER AT 1714N 10608E (UTM XE215059). A SHORT ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTHEAST TO THE SIDE OF A KARST HILL AT UTM XE217058, AND A SHORT ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS NORTHWEST INTO THE UNDERGROWTH JUST OFF ROUTE 912 AT UTM XE214062.

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C. AN ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS NORTHWEST FROM ROUTE 912 AT 1715N 10610E (UTM XE243083) TO THE VICINITY OF A KARST HILL AT UTM XE240085 WHERE THE ROAD DISAPPEARS UNDER THE TREE CANOPY. ANOTHER SHORT ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS SOUTHEAST FROM ROUTE 912 AT 1715N 10610E (UTM XE241079) TO UTM XE242078 WHERE THE ROAD DISAPPEARS UNDER THE TREE CANOPY.

D. A SHORT ACCESS ROAD EXTENDS EAST FROM ROUTE 912 AT 1714N 10608E (UTM XE219061), BECOMES A TRAIL AND CONTINUES TO A ROCK QUARRY AT THE BASE OF A KARST HILL AT UTM XE224059. BOMB CRATERS ARE OBSERVED IN THE AREA.

E. THE INSET DEPICTING THE CORDUROY ROAD SEGMENT REVEALS A SMALL SECTION OF THE ROAD SURFACE AT THE SOUTHWEST END WHERE THE CORDUROY SURFACE HAS NOT BEEN APPLIED.

F. DEFENSES OBSERVED IN THE AREA INCLUDE:

AAA--A FOUR-POSITION LIGHT AAA SITE AT UTM XE234078 WITH TWO POSITIONS OCCUPIED WITH UNIDENTIFIED OBJECTS (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED AS A CAMOUFLAGED HMGAA SITE); AN UNOCCUPIED FOUR-POSITION LIGHT AAA SITE AT UTM XE235076 WITH THREE POSITIONS OCCUPIED (ONE DUMMY, TWO CAMOUFLAGED); AN OCCUPIED FOUR-POSITION LIGHT AAA SITE AT UTM XE220067; AN OCCUPIED FOUR-POSITION LIGHT AAA SITE AT UTM XE215067; AND AN UNOCCUPIED FOUR-POSITION LIGHT AAA SITE AT UTM XE238076.

AW/AA--A SIX-POSITION AW/AA SITE (TWO POSITIONS PROBABLY OCCUPIED) AT UTM XE232075; A SIX-POSITION AW/AA SITE (PROBABLY

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OCCUPIED) AT UTM XE230073; A FOUR-POSITION AW/AA SITE (PROBABLY  
OCCUPIED) AT UTM XE238062; AND A FOUR-POSITION AW/AA SITE (PROBABLY  
OCCUPIED) AT UTM XE235061.

HMGAA--AN UNOCCUPIED FOUR-POSITION HMGAA SITE AT UTM XE236074;  
AN 'OCCUPIED' FOUR-POSITION HMGAA SITE AT UTM XE216065; AND AN  
OCCUPIED FOUR-POSITION HMGAA SITE AT UTM XE216068 (NOT SHOWN ON  
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